

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:26
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2002
CELLULAR MOBILE SERVICE IN THE COUNTRY
ALE NARENDRA;M. JAGANNATH

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the plan of BSNL to introduce cellular mobile service in the country with the State-wise break-up;
- (b) the time frame fixed and the investment required for this purpose;
- (c) whether any help has been sought from the private sector in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 26 FOR 20TH NOVEMBER, 2002 REGARDING CELLULAR MOBILE SERVICE IN THE COUNTRY.

(a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is in the process of introduction of cellular mobile service in all the licensed service areas under its jurisdiction. The plan envisages the introduction of the services in two phases with a capacity of 15 lakh lines during the initial phase to be expanded to 43 lakh lines in the expansion phase (Phase-II) covering about 1031 towns/cities across the country. The State-wise break-up is given in the annexure.

(b) The services rollout under the main project has already started from 19th October 2002 onwards in some of the licenced service areas in the jurisdiction of BSNL. The planned towns (other than those in J&K, NE & Assam) are proposed to be covered in the current financial year. The investment for the project would be around Rs. 2500 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

ANNEXURE

State-wise break-up Plans for coverage of BSNL Mobile Service

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Total Capacity	Lines Planned
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	595600	
2	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	4000	
3 (a)	BIHAR	92550	
3 (b)	JHARKHAND	54200	
4	GUJARAT	459750	
5	HARYANA	111050	
6	HIMACHAL PRADESH	34000	
7	KARNATAKA	307150	
8	KERLA	326585	
9 (a)	MADHYA PRADESH	112900	
9 (b)	CHHATTISGARH	22950	
10	MAHARASHTRA	495300	
11	ORISSA	114150	
12	PUNJAB	290000	
13	RAJASTHAN	137650	
14	TAMILNADU	334900	
15	UTTAR PRADESH	385750	

16	UTTRANCHAL	59350
17	WEST BENGAL	108050
18	CHENNAI	131000
19	ASSAM	42550
20	JAMMU & KASHMIR	41200
21	NORTH EAST	50800

Total	4311435
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